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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 20, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and add claims 18-35 as follows:

18. A method for testing for the existence of a menopausal condition in a human female individual, comprising the step of:

(a) obtaining a gonadotropin-containing sample from the human female individual, wherein the gonadotropin present in the sample exists in a plurality of different forms, and

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